



ESTABLISH BIG BASE

**Government to Install Army
Base Here.**

ON A STRATEGIC SITE

**Young's Bay Will Be Dredged and
Transport Docks Will
Be Built.**

ACTIVE WORK SOON TO START

**Barracks For Marines and Rifle Range
Included in Plans—Mouth of
Columbia Recognized as Im-
portant by Government.**

To make one of the greatest army and naval stations in the United States at the mouth of the Columbia River is one of the plans made by the Government that will be carried out just as soon as the extreme low water mark on the bar is 35 feet. The fact that Japan is nearly 700 miles nearer to the mouth of the Columbia River than it is to San Francisco is the chief reason that the government is anxious to have its new base completed as quickly as possible.

The news has just leaked out that the old surveys made at Young's Bay by the War Department several years ago are being carefully examined by naval engineers. The two departments are working in harmony in this matter, as a great army post is to be built near the proposed naval station. Permanent quarters for several thousand troops and camping grounds for 50,000 soldiers are to be made; docks are to be constructed that will permit the landing of transports.

The bay is to be dredged so that the whole Pacific and Asiatic squadron can anchor there, along with any additional fleet that may be sent from the Atlantic Coast. The plans are to keep at least one battleship at this station continually, to build extra large barracks for marines, and to establish the best rifle range for small arms practice on the coast. Ships' gunners are to be trained in shooting at floating targets placed out of sight across from Tillamook Head. Visible targets will also be used.

There is plenty of room at the wide mouth of the Columbia for the torpedo-boat and gunboat fleets to maneuver; the ocean is but an hour away, so that battleships and armored cruisers could put to sea on very short notice.

This new defense is aimed to protect the Northwest from any possible foe that might seek to gain a foothold on the Columbia River from either China or Japan. The Young's Bay station can be reached both by land and sea; the docks are to be so built that trains can run alongside the transports and the troops march direct from the cars to the docks. Warships are much nearer the ocean than if they were stationed at Bremerton, which is too far from rail transportation.

For years the forts at the mouth of the Columbia have been strengthened until now it is said that it would be impossible for any enemy's fleet to try to run them.

The recent visit of the Pacific squadron to Astoria caused the Navy Department to take renewed interest in the proposed Young's Bay station, and a new survey has been ordered.

FIRED BY CROSSED WIRES.

FOREST GROVE, July 16.—Crossed wires caused a fire in the central exchange of Grant Hughes' telephone line. The damage is \$200.

CHOLERA SITUATION IMPROVED

MANILA, July 16.—The cholera situation has greatly improved. Twelve cases and nine deaths were reported during the last 24 hours. The health bureau offers free vaccination to prevent the spread of the disease. A test made of the vaccine since the outbreak of the disease shows that it acts as an absolute preventative. Of the many natives in the infected districts who had been treated with the virus nine developed the disease. All of the health officials were vaccinated and none have developed the disease. The vaccine has been prepared at the government laboratory in this city.

H. R. Talbot, a lieutenant in the constabulary deserted at Iloilo on the Island of Panay on July 7 with six men and crossed over from Panay to Guimaras, where he started on an aimless chase over the country. A detachment of constabulary pursued the deserters and captured Lieutenant Talbot, who, it was found, was out of his mind. The constabulary with him were dismissed from the service.

Lieutenant Costello of the constabulary reports that on July 15 he had a fight with Ladrones under Panleton and Villafuerte, at Casaguran, in the province of Abay, Luzon. Villafuerte was killed during the fight and four rifles together with much ammunition was captured. The provincial treasurer was arrested and held prisoner at Casaguran awaiting orders from the insular authorities. Villafuerte was a brother of the Ladrone leader captured some time ago.

Private R. Lonadale of the Sixteenth United States Infantry was accidentally drowned in the Pasig river near Manila on July 15. He fell overboard from a launch while on his way to camp McKinley.

STICK TO THE JOB

**Judge Olcott's Law Firm Refuses
to Leave Thaw Case.**

THAW SAYS THEY ARE FIRED

**Murderer Will Not Allow Olcott's Firm
to Handle His Case—He Has Em-
ployed Several Other Lawyers
—Controversy is Warm.**

NEW YORK, July 16.—Through Abe Gruber, of the firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber and Bonyng, it was declared yesterday that the firm has not as yet decided to accept Harry K. Thaw's dismissal as final. They are going to have a talk with Thaw's mother.

"We were not hired by Harry Thaw but by a Mr. Delafield, acting for Mrs. William Thaw," said Gruber. "We shall lay this matter before her then and then may have something to say in regard to the matter."

Clifford W. Hartridge, who was personally appointed counsel in chief, announced yesterday that the dismissal of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyng by his client had been accomplished by the severance of the ties that bound Lewis L. Delafield to the case.

As far as Thaw is concerned, there now remain of the lawyers at one time employed by the defense, only Mr. Hartridge, John B. Gleason and perhaps Mr. Longfellow, of the firm of Delafield & Longfellow. Lewis L. Delafield is not a member of this firm. Frederick P. Delafield is its head. This is the official list as furnished by Mr. Hartridge. He is big, broad shouldered man, and once pulled in a Yale crew. He talked pretty freely about Thaw's case in some ways yesterday, showing the new turn the case had taken.

Mr. Olcott and his firm were engaged by Mr. Delafield, who represented that at first, Mr. Delafield, I believe, is no longer retained by Mr. Thaw."

Mr. Hartridge declared that the insanity plea had been positively forbidden by Thaw and added:

"As I stand here, a man Harry Kendall Thaw will never be convicted of

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LOOKS LIKE BIG STRIKE

**Portland Traction Em-
ploys Make Demands.**

RECOGNITION OF UNION

**Hold Meeting Last Night and
Decide on Bold
Course.**

EMPLOYERS ACTION UNKNOWN

**Not Thought Demands Will Be Complied
With By the Company—The Union
Has Over 700 Members—Wage
Increase Is Demanded.**

PORTLAND, July 16.—The street-car men's union at a meeting tonight decided to demand that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, which operates all the street car lines in Portland, reinstate E. I. McKinley, a motor-man recently discharged, grant a flat scale of 27 cents an hour, re-adjust the working hours, abolish the present system of compelling operatives to be photographed, and recognize the union.

General Manager Fuller refused tonight to state what action the company would take. Today however, the company posted a notice in all its barns, which stated that the company under no circumstances would deal with other than individual employees. This it is believed, will be tantamount to a refusal in advance, to recognize the union or any of its demands.

The company employees in the neighborhood of 800 men. Of these the union claim a membership of over 700. If the figures given by the men are reliable, and they resort to a strike, as they seemed tonight to believe to be necessary, it will almost completely paralyze the entire car service of the city.

MUST GIVE AN ACCOUNT.

**Former President of Mutual Sued For
\$2,000,000 of Policyholders' Money.**

NEW YORK, July 16.—Richard A. McCurdy of the Mutual Life, was served today, through his counsel, Delancey Nicoll, with papers in a suit which calls for him to account for about \$2,000,000 of the policyholders' money, distributed through "Yellow Dog Funds" during his regime. This is the second suit brought by the company against the former president, and the fifth against him, his son Robert, and his son-in-law, Lewis A. Thebaud.

STAY IS GRANTED.

CHICAGO, July 16.—Judge Grosscup in the United States circuit court, today granted the Chicamo & Alton, J. N. Faithorn and Fred A. Wann, writs of supercedas staying the execution of the fine of \$80,000 assessed a short time ago by Judge Landis, pending appeals to a higher court. This is a friendly proceeding, both sides being desirous of having a final decision on the rebate question.

PLATT HAS BIRTHDAY.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Senator Platt passed a balmy seventy-third birthday at a hotel in Coney Island yesterday. It was on this spot that Mr. Platt in former years planned with his friends in the republican party of the state, most of the campaigns within the last decade.

In response to letters sent out by Mr. Platt many of his old time friends gathered about him on this occasion.

MEET ON MARBLEHEAD.

**Cruiser Will Be Offered For Salvador and
Guatemalan Commissions to Meet on**

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The Navy department is informed today of the arrival of the cruiser Marblehead at La Libertad. Commander Mulligan of the cruiser will place his craft at the disposal of the American legation, so that Charge d'Affairs Brown will be in a position to proffer the governments of Salvador and Guatemala the use of the warship as a meeting place for the peace commissioners. It is believed the Marblehead will take the Salvadoreans from La Libertad and then proceed to San Jose, Guatemala, where the agents of that government will be taken aboard, and the commissioners then be taken to the seaboard, the three mile limit, until the conferences are over.

Still Fighting.

SAN SALVADOR, July 16.—Guatemala is fighting Salvador and Honduras at four points on the frontier. Both sides have fought bravely with uncertain results.

GEN. R. H. WARFIELD KILLED.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—General R. H. Warfield, who was last night appointed a member of the San Francisco board of police commissioners, was instantly killed today by an accident near Mill Valley. According to reports received here Warfield, who was manager of a summer resort, was riding to his hotel in an automobile operating over the tracks of a short branch of railroad, of which he was vice-president, when the train suddenly rounded a curve and crashed into his car. General Warfield was prominent in social, political, and club circles, and some years ago, was manager of the California Hotel.

CHANGE OF POLICY

**Government Will Bring Standard
Oil to It's Knees.**

GAINS IMPORTANT EVIDENCE

**Attorney-General Moody Announces
That G. J. Grammer Will Not Be
Indicted, But Will Testify
Against Standard.**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 16.

The Plain Dealer tomorrow will say: Basing his opinion upon the testimony already submitted to the federal grand jury in this district, Attorney-General Moody believes the government has at last secured evidence which will lead to bringing the Standard Oil Company to its knees. The return of District Attorney Sullivan from a conference with the attorney-general at New York yesterday, will mark a complete change by the government in connection with its fight to stamp out trade discriminations in favor of the giant corporations. The change includes a complete reversal regarding G. J. Grammer, vice-president of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. Grammer will not be indicted. Instead, he will be asked to assist the government in forging a chain of evidence about the necks of some of the biggest Standard Oil officials in the country. The switch on the part of the government is explained by a statement made yesterday that the single desire of the department is to get at the Standard Oil Company.

STRIKE DELAYS RESERVOIR.

EUGENE, Ore., July 16.—The workmen employed in building the 1,500,000-gallon reservoir for the new waterworks in this city have struck for higher wages. The men asked for an advance of from \$2 to \$2.50 a day. This the company refused.

ARCHITECTS OF THE WORLD MEET.

LONDON, July 16.—The International Congress of Architects opened here today.

DEFENDANTS ARE ABSENT

**Hoge and Miller Fail to
Appear in Court.**

IN LAND FRAUD CASES

**Miller is in Portland; and Hoge
Said to Be Sick
in Bed.**

STATE SENATOR MAYS ILL

**Prosecution Experiencing Great Difficulty
in Rounding up the Defendants in
Land Fraud Cases—Two In-
dictments Dismissed.**

PORTLAND, July 16.—Listening to the excuses of a special venire of talesmen summoned to try the land fraud cases, consumed a large part of the time today in the federal district court. When the case of the government against Attorney M. A. Hoge of Medford; Henry W. Miller, Frank E. Kincart and Charles Nickell of Jacksonville was called, two of the defendants failed to put in appearance. Hoge is said to be sick abed at his home. Miller is thought to be in this city and it is believed he will appear tomorrow, to which time his case was continued.

The prosecution is experiencing considerable difficulty in rounding up the defendants in the different cases. Besides Hoge, State Senator F. P. Mays is declared to be at his home in Eastern Oregon, too ill to stand trial.

In a large number of instances the defendants were present and these entered pleas of not guilty. Two indictments against Puter, McKinley, Tarpley and others, already convicted in connection with the land frauds, were nullified by Prosecutor Heney on grounds of former jeopardy. Another indictment was dismissed against a defendant, who has died since his indictment.

COMPANY IS BLAMED.

SALISBURY, England, July 16.—The coroner's inquest into the cause of the wreck of the Plymouth steamer express on July 1, in which 25 persons were killed, resulted in a verdict today of dereliction as a result of the high speed of the train, which was contrary to the company's order. The jury declined to allow the verdict to be recorded as one of accidental death, saying they considered a certain amount of blame attached to the company as well as the engine driver.

ELKS IN WRECK.

TRINIDAD, Colo., July 16.—Passenger train No. 7, on the Colorado & Southern Railway, carrying hundreds of Texas Elks to the convention in Denver, was wrecked three miles north of Forbes Junction at an early hour this morning. Engineer Martin J. Cullen was killed and Fireman Charles T. Garroll was badly hurt. The engine rolled over, carrying the two baggage-cars with it. None of the passenger coaches left the track. Cullen was caught under the locomotive and his body crushed to a pulp.

DREYFUS WITH 15TH ARTILLERY.

PARIS, July 16.—War Minister Eitenne today announced the assignment of Major Dreyfus to the Twelfth Regiment of Artillery, stationed at Vicennes. This is a crack regiment, which has participated in the stat functions at the capital. Brigadier-General Piquart has been designated to serve on the staff of the military governor of Paris.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKES.

SANTA FE, N. M., July 16.—Considerable property was damaged this afternoon at Socorro. San Marcial and nearby settlements by an earthquake shock, which was the severest of the 200 that have occurred in that part of New Mexico in the past two years. The shocks were local and caused by land slides in the Magdalena mountains.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 16.—This section of New Mexico experienced a slight earthquake today. Objects moved perceptibly and a dull sickening sensation was experienced. No damage is reported.

NEBRASKA A FAST ONE.

SEATTLE, July 16.—The standardization trial of the battleship Nebraska off Vashon Island today developed the fact that the vessel will have no trouble in making the contract speed of 19 knots. Thirteen runs were made over the course, the average speed for five of the fastest runs being 19.237 knots and the fastest run being 19.51 knots.

BLOODY BOUT.

**Sam Berger Gives Jack O'Brien Hardest
Battle of His Life Last Night.**

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—Sam Berger of California, and amateur champion heavyweight, tonight gave Philadelphia Jack O'Brien the hardest six-round battle of his career. When the fight ended, both men were covered with blood, and the referee's hands crimson from his efforts to separate the men from clinches. No decision was allowed, but it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that O'Brien had a slight advantage. Berger, however, surprised the spectators by his cleverness and gameness.

THAW IS IGNORED

**Judge Olcott's Firm Retained for
His Defense.**

MOTHER VISITS HER SON

**Greeting Between Murderer and Mother
Is Very Affecting—Mrs. Thaw
Takes Full Charge of
the Defense.**

NEW YORK, July 16.—Immediately following the interview with her son at the Tombs today, Mrs. William Thaw assumed full charge of the defense and arranged to retain as counsel, the firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber and Bonyng, dismissed by young Thaw a few days ago. This action was taken to mean that Harry Thaw's desires and opinions will be ignored and reliance be placed in the plea of insanity. Whether application for a lunacy commission will be made, will probably depend on the conference to be held between Mrs. Thaw and counsel tomorrow. The meeting between Mrs. Thaw and her son today was very affecting. After the first greeting they were left alone for half an hour. During the interview the prisoner's wife stood in silence in the corridor, a few feet from the cell door, waiting her turn to speak with the prisoner. No words were exchanged between Mrs. Thaw and her daughter-in-law. From the Tombs, Mrs. Thaw was driven direct to the office of Lewis A. Delafield where arrangements were made for Judge Olcott's firm to take charge of the case. When a note was sent to Thaw this afternoon, asking whether he concurred in the new arrangement a reply was returned that "Mr. Thaw had nothing to say."

FANEUIL HALL ENDANGERED.

BOSTON, July 16.—Faneuil Hall was endangered early today by a fire that badly damaged the six-story brick building occupied as a cafe by Toei & Libaldo on the opposite side of Faneuil Hall square. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.